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Dear Mr. Snow,

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The revised CALFED plan is ill conceived.

I oppose CalFed's plan to increase surface water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs. The plan to raise Shasta Dam would flood parts of the Upper Sacramento & McCloud River. The proposed sites would divert massively from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation & reclamation programs to utilize wisely our existing water supplies, NOT new dams & canals. Switch to higher value, less water consuming crops, installing water meters for all agricultural & urban users.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including removing some facilities, such as the Folsom dam, that act as barriers to migrating Salmon, acquiring important riparian habitat & increasing stream flows for fish, wildlife & recreation.

We cannot solve the ecological problems caused by dams & diversions by building more dams & diversions.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely, Janet Kelley Ramage
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